

I urge you in the strongest possible terms not to allow the disastrous media consolidation in television that we have seen in radio. The FCC's most important goal should be to provide the widest possible range of voices, perspectives, and choices to viewers. The media conglomerates' most important goals include "synergy" and maximization of shareholder returns. The result is bland, homogenous, fungible, lowest-common-denominator trash.

My father, Newton Minow, was the Chairman of the FCC who called television a vast wasteland. He says it has become a toxic waste dump. It is time for the FCC to insist on better from broadcasters. Viewers deserve it, the law requires it, and a free society depends on it.